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SUBJECT: FY-75 FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 083826; B. STATE 023419; C. SINGAPORE 1298

1. WE ARE CONFUSED AGAIN. WILL TRY TO UNRAVEL CONFUSION IN FOL-
LOWING PARAS.

2. DISREGARD FIGURES IN REF. A FOR THE MOMENT, LET'S GO TO REF.
B WHICH INDICATES WE HAVE \$9,528 REMAINING IN POST ALLOCATION.
THESE FUNDS AVAILABLE DUE TO CANCELLATION OF BASSKARAN NAIR GRANT
AND THOSE NOT RPT NOT USED FOR WOMEN IN BROADCAST INDUSTRY GRANT.
THESE FUNDS WERE ORIGINALLY IN MULTINATIONAL-FOREIGN ALLOCATION,
NOT RPT NOT IN STUDENT ALLOCATION. IN REF. C WE PROPOSED USING
THIS SUM, \$9,528, FOR PARTIAL GRANTS TO MOH SIEW MENG, YIP CHI YING
AND POSSIBLY TAN YANG KAI. WE ALSO WISTFULLY PROPOSE SUPPLEMENTING
SUPPORT FOR THESE THREE CANDIDATES WITH ANY FALL-OUT FUNDS THAT MAY
COME OUR WAY.

3. REF. A INDICATES LEE YEW KIM GRANT WILL COST \$7,315, PLUS \$2,000
FOR TRAVEL; A TOTAL OF \$9,315 OR \$1,315 MORE THAN ORIGNALLY AL-
LOCATED.
SUBTRACT THIS FROM \$9,528 ABOVE AND YOU GET \$8,213. NOW ADD \$2,100
SAVED FROM STUDENT RENEWAL ALLOCATION (REF. A) AND YOU GET \$10,313.
FROM THIS MUST BE SUBTRACTED UNKNOWN AMOUNT TO COVER FLETCHER IN-
CREASES NOT RPT NOT SPECIFIED REF. A.

4. WE INTENDED FOR REF. C NOMINATIONS TO BE IN ORDER OF PRIORITY
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GIVEN, I.E. MOH SIEW MENG, YIP CHI YING, TAN YANG KAI. HOW THE

FUNDS ARE SPLIT BETWEEN THESE CANDIDATES DEPENDS UPON HOW MUCH FALL-OUT WE GET, PLUS HOW MUCH AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL SOURCES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT BOTH MOH SIEW MENG AND YIP CHI YING. QUESTION IS WHETHER THERE WILL BE ENOUGH FOR TAN YANG KAI, WHO HAS BEEN CARRIED ALL ALONG AS ALTERNATE.

5. REGRET BFS APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SO SLOW IN COMING. FORMS FOR LEE YEW KIM AND TAN YANG KAI WERE SENT FRIDAY, APRIL 11. FORMS FOR MOH SIEW MENG, YIP CHI YING AND PETER CHAN WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP, HOPEFULLY BY END OF THIS WEEK.

6. IN ACCORDANCE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTIONS REF. A, WE ARE DELAYING FURTHER ACTION UNTIL FALL-OUT SITUATION KNOWN.

7. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CORROBORATE OR CORRECT OUR FIGURES. CRONK

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